



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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Robert B. Burns, Esq.
Pan Am Railways
1700 Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

RE: File No. 2011-p-2; Abandonment and Discontinuance of Hampton Branch Line

Dear Mr. Burns:

The New Hampshire Coastal Program has received your federal consistency certification regarding the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service over an approximate 10 mile segment of railroad known as the Hampton Branch rail line, which traverses through Hampton, North Hampton, Rye, Greenland and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Based upon review of the federal consistency certification, we find that the proposed activity complies with the enforceable policies of New Hampshire's federally approved coastal management program.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 559-0025.

Sincerely,

Christian Williams
Federal Consistency Coordinator
NH Coastal Program

cc: ✓ Cynthia Brown, Surface Transportation Board